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WAR & PEACE

Soviets project better times; U.S. troops plan 'withering'

TWO events in Moscow took the press spotlight last week, drawing an over-all acreage of type second only to "revelations" of a $500-a-night New York City prostitution ring allegedly involving the heir to an oleo empire.

The U.S.S.R. was engaged in top-level talks with a mission from China headed by Premier-Foreign Minister Chou En-lai. A general congress of the Communist Party of the Soviet Union was announced for Oct. 5, and texts of revised party statutes and of the 1951-55 Five Year Plan were published.

SO SUDDEN: The press coverage was mostly unrestrained speculation. All that was really known about the Chinese-Soviet talks was contained in Chou's statement on his arrival, when he emphasized the role of the alliance "in ensuring peace and security in the Far East and throughout the world." The N.Y. **Times** irritably complained (8/21) that the CPSU's announcement came with "the suddenness and lack of advance notice which are the distinguishing marks of Kremlin action." But the paper's Moscow correspondent reported of the fifth Five Year Plan:

- It calls for a rise of 70% in general volume of industrial production; 40-45% in grain production; 40% in farmers' purchasing power; 100% in housing construction to provide 190 million sq. yds. of new living space; further lowering of retail prices;
- "Barring extremely untoward events, a comparison of the projected goals with the actual Soviet attainments gave no ground for supposing the new targets would not be fulfilled and overfulfilled."

Although speculations included the normal quota of prophesies that the U.S.S.R. is building for war, the **Wall St. Journal** commented (8/22):

> Most officials think Russia's unlikely to interrupt her latest five-year goals to wage global war.

NATO FORECAST — STORMY: Economic clouds continued to gather over Washington's NATO military plans. In Rome, Defense Minister Pacciardi told U.S. Army Secy. Pace that Italy's 1952 commitments were assured, but that the 1953 program could only be fulfilled if U.S. financial aid were enough to "finance [it] without running [Italy] into dangerous inflation" and if "purchase of military items from Italian manufacturers (offshore procurement) be considerably enlarged" (**NYT**, 8/19). The U.S. has already placed $87 million of military orders with Italian industry.

In France, which is also insisting on more "offshore procurement," the government's position was sharply presented by Premier Pinay in an interview with **ONA's** George H. Gerard (8/21):

> "France will be forced to reconsider her entire military, economic and foreign policy—including her stand on the European Army project and the Indo-China war—unless assurances of additional defense contracts are received from the U.S. before the French parliament reconvenes Oct. 7. Failing that, the storm of protest in parliament and among the public will be such that no government—my own or any other—can possibly withstand it."

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Canard Enchaine, Paris
"OH, IKE . . ."

The great crusade begins

"End the Korean War now." was the theme of Vincent Hallinan, Progressive Party candidate for President, as he began his national campaign tour in San Francisco on Sunday. The great peace crusade began a few days after lawyer Hallinan ended a term in McNeil's Island penitentiary, where he was jailed for "contempt of court" arising from his uncompromising defense of ILWU leader Harry Bridges. Picture shows Hallinan after he landed from the Island at Steilacoom, Wash., holding shamrocks and flowers brought by the 500-strong welcoming delegation. With him are James McDaniel (l.), King county (Seattle) PP chairman, and PP secy. C. B. Baldwin, head of natl. campaign committee.

Atomic words

(From nuclear physicist Dr. Philip Morrison, at Sunday's GUARDIAN Weekend at Arrowhead Lodge, N.Y.)

ON THE H-BOMB

"I am asked whether it's true that a hydrogen bomb might destroy the world by accident if man tried to set it off. I am not concerned with weapons which might destroy the world by accident—but rather with those which may destroy it by design."

ON THE NATIONAL GUARDIAN

"I can only give my opinion of the GUARDIAN in the words of Dr. Hutchins when asked if Chicago was a good university. 'I don't know if it's good,' said Hutchins, 'but it's the best.'"

(See Report to Readers, p. 2.)

LABOR DAY, 1952

AFL leader sounds last call to labor to 'speak up'

By Elmer Bendiner

EDWIN S. SMITH, member of the Natl. Labor Relations Board when the LaFollette Committee was chronicling management's blackjack approach to labor in the thirties, said then:

> "Man after man in the prime of life, of obvious character and courage, came before us to tell of the blows that had fallen on him for his crime of having joined a union. Here they were—family men with wives and children—on public relief, blacklisted from employment, so they claimed, in the City of Detroit, citizens whose only offense was that they had ventured in the land of the free to organize as employes to improve their working conditions. Their reward, as workers who had given their best to their employer, was to be hunted down by a hired spy like the lowest of criminals, and thereafter tossed like useless metal on the scrap heap."

Labor Day, 1952, sees CIO pres. Murray and U.S. Steel pres. Fairless about to take a "harmony" tour of steel plants; labor chiefs are frequent visitors at the White House, sit with management representatives on mobilization committees—but respectability has not ruled out blackjack or blacklist.

"DON'T HANG HIM HERE": The **CIO News** last April 7 told of the murder of Textile Workers Union manager Lowell Simons, the kidnaping of TWU representative Mrs. Edna Martin in the Southern organizing drive. Reporter William Weiss wrote:

> Gagged and tied, she was ordered into a truck at gunpoint and later dumped out on a lonely backwoods road. . . . A "citizens committee" at Norwood, N. C., already had a rope around the neck of organizer Joe Kirk and were looking for a likely limb to string him to when he was saved by the half-hearted intervention of a local policeman. "Don't hang him inside the town's limits," the law officer pleaded. Kirk escaped en route to a more suitable locale.

Inevitably with the blackjack and the noose go the blacklist. The same issue of **CIO News** reported:

> The blacklist, an old union-busting technique, is again making an appearance in certain sections of the South. It has become so prevalent that the CIO Textile Workers have asked a Senate investigation of what is termed "an efficiently-organized system of terrorizing members in Southern textile mills."

BLACKLISTING FOR $$: There are no bounds to the blacklist. On this Labor Day, men are jobless because of union activity, or activity in disapproved unions, or for disapproved rank-and-file activity in approved unions. In Detroit many were fired after the House Un-American Activities Committee held "hearings" last spring and published lists which in effect were blacklists.

Blacklists thrive as commercial propositions. (Organizations like **Red Channels**, which for a fee comb employes for blacklisted names, have outmoded Pinkerton Agency detectives).

Workers are screened or threatened with screening on the waterfront, driven from films, radio, newspapers, schools as well as factories. The 1952 blacklist differs from those the LaFollette Committee exposed in that the government has now become the major blacklister, exposing by Congressional investigation long lists of names to the mercy of employers, in some cases enforcing employer compliance.

ABRAM FLAXER
"Showered with dead cats"

"BEFORE IT'S TOO LATE": Last March 19 government witch-hunters seemed about to expand their service. A Senate investigating subcommittee had subpenaed United Public Workers pres. Abram Flaxer and asked him to turn over the membership list of his union, already marked "red," proscribed by government inquisitors and CIO leadership. Flaxer refused and in May was cited for contempt. (The Atty. Gen. has not yet opened prosecution.)

Flaxer's stand summed up labor's fight in a key sector, but few labor leaders outside the traditionally progressive unions rallied to him. Significant exception was Hugo Ernst, pres. of the AFL Hotel and Restaurant Workers. In the union's organ, the **Catering Industry Employee** (May), Ernst wrote an editorial which sums up this year's dilemma for anti-communist labor leaders and carries a Labor Day message:

> On the one hand if we don't rise up now to defend ourselves against these violations of our basic rights, we are certain in the end to pay heavily for precedents being set now at the expense of the "untouchables."
>
> On the other hand, if we speak up, we run the risk of being showered with dead cats and being accused of fellow-traveling. Faced with this dilemma, most conservative, respectable unions have been struck speechless. Our tongues cleave to the roofs of our mouths, and we find ourselves not just unwilling but unable to defend ourselves. . . .
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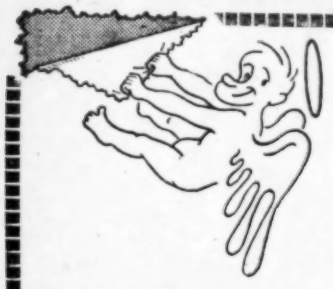
> The issue is this: do unions have the right, as the courts have repeatedly held, to hold their membership lists in privacy? I think they do. I hope others will join me in speaking out in defense of that right before it is too late.



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THE MAIL BAG

A farmer and his pants

UNDERWOOD, N. D.

The strained efforts of some Farmers Union leaders and Democratic politicians to convince farmers they have a stake in supporting Democratic candidates reminds one of the holdup man's remark when his victim protested at being robbed of all his money. Says he: "You should be glad it wasn't my pal who held you up—he invariably takes the victim's pants along with his money."

During the five years of the "farmers' friend" Truman Administration, farmers' net income has dropped from 17 to 14.9 billion. Tractor farm machinery and other operating costs, including living, have nearly doubled. Farm real estate taxes have doubled since 1933, farm debt doubled in six years. Farmers' per capita net income in 1950 averaged $636 as against $1,563 per person for non-farm people. In 10 years the number of farms has declined by 700,000.

Last fall and winter when hog prices dropped way below parity and farmers actually lost money on their hogs, Secy. Brannan had the power to support hog prices at 90% of parity. But only after the bulk of the hogs were in packers' hands did he move in to support prices—then prices went up, giving the packers a big windfall of profits.

The big corporations wallow in the biggest profits of all history, piling up 150 billion in cash profits and plants built for them by the government. Farmers, working longer hours than they ever worked, striving to keep their heads above water, seeing their sons going to war, worrying that the Korean mess will spread into an atomic holocaust, are supposed to be glad: "At least he didn't take our pants too."

The experiences we have had with the old parties should not lead us to make the old mistake of trying to decide which candidate will be worst, then voting for the lesser evil. The farmers need peace, a peace spending program instead of war spending, trade with all countries, security on the farm. That means voting for PP candidates in '52. A North Dakota Farmer

Watching for nothing

OLD MATCHLOCK, CONN.

The appeal for "sky-watchers" brings sentimental memories of stories my father told me about those historic skywatchers, the Millerites, in New York State, about a century ago. They differed from the kind now being recruited in that their GHQ had worked out with mathematical precision the day and hour of the coming of the Millenial Cataclysm. On the eve of the Great Dawn they garbed themselves in muslin, took under their arms a tin trumpet apiece, and ascended the most imposing eminences in their respective neighborhoods, all set to respond to Gabriel's stentorian bugle call with a joyous toot of their own.

The Elect waited there, feeling more forlorn and conspicuous by the minute, and finally saw the same old cheerful dawn they had always been used to, spreading over the hills and fields. Some old coot had snoozed off on top of a haystack, and some cut-up—who was of the non-Elect—came along and set fire to the thing. The story is that when the patriarch woke up amid the smoke he took one look and said: "Hell! Jest's I supposed!"

I guess he felt he'd invested in that gown and trumpet, and missed a night in bed, just to get to a conclusion that was foregone anyway. M. Godwin

How crazy can you get dept.

The real reason [for the drouth] is the Reds in Russian planes have long nets stretched between the planes and turn back the clouds and they also carry windblowers on each plane and blow the clouds over Russia where they have plenty of rain. This keeps the air over the U. S. clear so we have dry weather and drouth to burn up our crops.

—Letter to the editor in Memphis Commercial Appeal, July 20.

One-year sub to sender of each item published under this heading. Winner: Lawrence McGurty, Memphis, Tenn.

Dickens described them

PORTLAND, ORE.

Has anyone called to your attention that chapter in Tale of Two Cities which deals with Darnay's trial in England? The two professional spies, and the speech of the Atty. General, are priceless—perfect descriptions of present-day professional witnesses. Read it and see. Martha Swanson

A Scot on "the reds"

LONDON, ENGLAND

Your readers will be interested in a letter recently in the London Times, from a Scotsman named William Douglas Home:

"Sir—Although ever since the war every piece of trouble on the international stage has been blamed on 'the Communists,' there have, in fact, been international disturbances for hundreds of years. Yet, until recently, 'the Communists' could not be blamed for them. Jerusalem had no Communists at the time of the Crusades; the Duke of Medina-Sidonia had none on the payroll of his Armada. . . . The Duke of Wellington reported no reds, save in his own lines, at Waterloo; there were no Communists in the Black Hole of Calcutta, nor yet at the Boston Tea Party. Lord Tennyson did not refer to Communists manning the Russian guns in opposition to the Charge of the Light Brigade; he merely remarked that 'someone had blundered.' Nor did either Kaiser Wilhelm of Germany or Adolf Hitler tend markedly towards the Communist way of life. Indeed, the last-named was utterly defeated by 'the Communists,' in alliance with those who now blame 'the Communists' for all the troubles of today.

"From this it would appear that, although 'the Communists' may provide an easy and convenient scapegoat, the fundamental reason for the present international disturbances is more likely to lie in the addiction of all the great Powers to the old game of power politics, in which Rule 1 (and all the other rules) has always been: 'Any move that I make is defence; any move that you make is aggression.'" Edgar P. Young (Comdr. R.N., Retd.)

Correspondent, please

GORZKOWICE, POLAND

I am a Pole 21 years old studying universal literature at the university in Lodz. I am a great friend for all the American youth and I want to correspond of this youth. Send me a certain address of young American man or woman—please. I send you brotherly greetings.

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How about it, Lord?

PAKOKEE, FLA.

Ike and Steve promised nothing to the people so therefore the promises can be easily kept. They are both for the Lord and the Korean War. How they can handle the Lord has to be seen. For the wayr, they got plenty of flaming gasoline bombs to burn more Koreans. The Czar, Kaiser Bill and Adolf also were for the Lord. R. E. Boe

Is YOUR dignity hurt?

N. HOLLYWOOD, CALIF.

Following is an extract from Eleanor Roosevelt's column of July 24 in the L. A. Daily News:

"I have always objected to the attitude that reflected greater consideration being given in the South to a colored man in a court of law because he was not the equal of the white man. It always seemed to me that this was a denial of real justice and hurt the dignity of all concerned. One should be treated without condescension and with even-handed justice."

I think the Martinsville Seven, Willie McGee and the millions of Negroes and whites in America who have fought and are fighting for democracy appreciate this "greater consideration." Arthur A. Savage

Lancaster in Daily Express, London

"... and this, Lady Littlehampton, is our eldest, who's majoring in economics at Vassar."

The Nazarene's teaching

FRUITA, COLO.

The fact—from reputable books—is that Jesus Christ taught the progressive doctrine and that His followers were socialistic for two centuries until perverted by Constantine et al.

Of course we may realize that Christ was no delegate to either of the two old party debacles and that the ass colt He rode was not the emblem of the Democratic Party. But, from what I can learn, the elephant got into Jerusalem and the temple ahead of Him and sought to convert the asses in the vicinity.

The fact is that Jesus taught and practiced democracy, and died to save the people for it—with heavy accent on the bread-and-butter or economic side. W. O. Roberts

When atrophy sets in

BALTIMORE, MD.

One of the major differences between the two old moth-eaten parties and the vigorous new Progressive Party is that the former believes in SHRIVELED RIGHTS and the PP sincerely believes in CIVIL RIGHTS. L. P. F.

Petran on our side

SEATTLE, WASH.

I wish to congratulate us on having Tabitha Petran, on our side. I can't think, at the moment, of anything nicer. That's a luxury Miss Fortune on the Luce and Rife with Crime can't possibly have.

The better half said Miss Petran's talk here was the finest she ever heard. No argument! Looking forward to the next visit from one of the GUARDIAN staff. D. L. S.

The pursuit of pinks

LONG BEACH, CALIF.

For the past 42 years I have either been a Republican or a Democrat, and of course I'm a Progressive now. The reason for this letter is that I am confused. Time and time again I read, in our daily paper, articles released by our so-called leaders that they are going after pinks and front communists. Can readers of the GUARDIAN enlighten me: when does one become a pink or front communist? A. B.

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REPORT TO READERS

Keep the skies clear

UNDER a flawless Sunday morning sky in the Catskills, some 150 people gathered on Arrowhead Lodge lawn to hear Dr. Philip A. Morrison lead a GUARDIAN Weekend discussion—on how to clear from the skies the terrors of atomic destruction.

As one of the leading young world scientists who helped develop atomic energy to its present state, Dr. Morrison lives and works today to convert this awesome power to the peaceful uses of mankind. This space cannot come close to doing justice to his presentation. But for those engaged in political action in '52, one of his conclusive points is sharply relevant.

EVERY U. S. wage-earner works one month a year to sustain the U. S. Air Force, which is primarily a device for knocking down cities. With its "left hand," this organization has destroyed 70% of the productive capacity of a moderately industrialized nation of 30 million people—Korea.

Whether this "elegant technical process" is to strike elsewhere—and whether it is to strike with its full power (i.e., with atomic or bacteriological weapons) anywhere, is a matter not for scientists and military minds but for public opinion to decide.

Even in spite of the awful toll thus far, public opinion has had a restraining effect on the full use of this power to destroy. Atomic weapons have not been used; and the military command has offered at least token deference to world opinion in its recent declarations that it seeks only military targets and warns civilian populations in advance.

But it is impossible to wage total war humanely; the only humane course is to stop it, and to devote the powers it utilizes to peaceful uses. For example, Dr. Morrison said that an atomic power plant could be constructed to provide electric power in some arid area of the U. S. for $200,000,000; and it would pay for itself in 20 years.

WHAT prevents this is the kind of government the people elect at the ward and precinct level. In explanation, he pointed to recent statements of Rep. Jackson (R. Mich.), rejecting military opinion that (1) there are now sufficient atom bombs in our arsenal to destroy all possible targets; and (2) that the hydrogen bomb is not required and is too chancy to attempt to deliver.

But Rep. Jackson, who admittedly doesn't know an atom from third base, has in his hands and those of Congressional colleagues the decision whether we proceed to pile up more and more atomic weapons, or begin to devote our know-how to peace.

How the Rep. Jacksons may be replaced, and with whom, are matters directly in the hands of the electorate—on which they can only act wisely if they are in possession of the full information on which to act.

Admittedly, the information on which to base wise political decisions is not available through the commercial press and radio or through other than a very few media. Therefore those with access to such information must bring it to the rest.

WHICH brings us back once again to the GUARDIAN's 4-for-$1 introductory subscription offer—the simple, painless way we have devised for you to get the information around in this decisive campaign year. If you haven't already sent us, on the form at the top of page 6, the names of at least four friends who should be reading the GUARDIAN regularly but are not—do it TODAY.

—THE EDITORS

A PEOPLE'S VICTORY IN OAKLAND, CALIF.

Charges are dropped against Negro youth, condemned to die in 1950

FEW Negro Americans convicted of murder ever make the long road back from the death-house to freedom. But last week Oakland, Calif., newspapers had banner headlines: JERRY NEWSON MURDER CHARGE DISMISSED! Behind the headlines were three years of tireless work powered by the East Bay Civil Rights Congress which united more people, Negro and white, than on any other issue before.

The story began on a Saturday night in Oct., 1949, when a white druggist and his Negro clerk were shot to death in a drugstore in the heart of Oakland's Negro community; the cash-box was robbed of some $600. Three days later Jerry Newson, 18, was arrested for an amateurish robbery (which he freely admitted) of the rent office of Harbor Homes, an overcrowded all-Negro temporary housing project where he lived.

The police dept. and DA's office were under fire for a long list of unsolved crimes of violence; there was a need to solve the drugstore murders quickly. To the cops, Newson was a likely suspect.

THE "CONFESSION": Newson was grilled for hours; Inspector Albert J. Diedel shouted at him repeatedly:

> "You killed these people, you killed them."

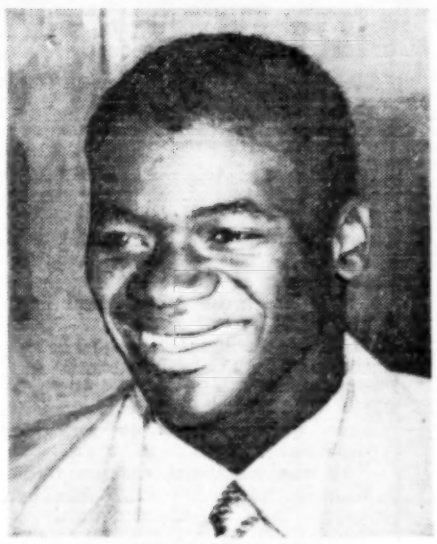
In weary desperation, Newson shouted back:

> "Okay, you want me to burn. You say I killed them. Okay, I killed them."

But when newsmen and other police were brought in, Newson said:

> "I was only kidding. I didn't kill them."

The Oakland **Tribune** (asst. publisher: U.S. Sen. William F. Knowland—his father owns it) headlined the "confession"; the Newson frame-up was on. All other leads to the real murderer were abandoned; members of Newson's family and a dozen of his friends were arrested, held in solitary confinement for as long as five days, questioned for hours. At preliminary hearings Willie Harris, a friend who was with Newson the night of the crime, was also charged with the murders.



JERRY NEWSON
Thousands joined hands to save him

THE FIGHT: To the East Bay CRC—then small, but since grown to 650 active members in five branches—the case looked wrong. After investigation it decided to defend Newson, sent lawyer Robert E. Treuhaft to see him. Then it went into action.

A small defense committee was formed in Harbor Homes. In two weeks 500 signatures were collected on petitions for release. Regular collections were made; as much as $125 in quarters, dimes and nickels was raised in one week. A meeting in the project auditorium attracted an audience of 300. The committee also questioned all who had seen or been with Newson on the night of the murders, bolstered the defense with the information secured. The CRC publicized the case with leaflets and radio broadcasts. When preliminary examinations began on Dec. 29, more than 1,000 persons overflowed the courtroom, the biggest crowd of its kind in Oakland's history.

DEATH: The prosecution's "mystery witness," a 17-year-old girl—a ward of the juvenile court—who was supposed to have seen both suspects at the crime scene, couldn't identify Newson and said she hadn't seen Harris at all. Harris was released, Newson held on the basis of his "confession." At the first trial in April, 1950, the prosecution's girl witness broke down and said:

> "They told me I'd go to jail if I didn't say it—but I didn't see anyone in the drug store that night."

Dr. Paul L. Kirk of the U. of California testified that the fatal bullets were fired from a gun found in Newson's possession; but four other ballistics experts, including the Oakland police department's own criminologists, contradicted him. The defense also showed the prosecution had concealed vital evidence: fingerprints found on the drugstore cash-box did not check either with Newson's or with those of anyone who had access to it.

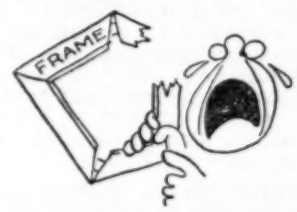
But the jury—11 white, one Negro—brought in a guilty verdict. Newson was sentenced to death.

THE FIGHT GROWS: Within a week the CRC collected 3,000 signatures urging a new trial; the trial judge announced he would take action to find all signers in contempt of court. But the day after his threat more than 2,000 persons attended an outdoor defense rally—biggest meeting of its kind ever held in Oakland. Pending the appeal, CRC published a 25c pamphlet on the case, set a record eventually by selling 10,000 copies (the same sales volume on a national scale would have made it a 2,000,000-copy best-seller). In April, 1951, the State Supreme Court in a 6-1 ruling reversed the guilty verdict on grounds of lack of evidence and improper admission of evidence of a prior crime.

Dozens of trade unions joined the defense movement; so did the Alameda County NAACP, the Interdonominational Ministerial Alliance and many other organizations. But Newson was brought to trial a second time in Oct., 1951. By now there were three defense attorneys: Treuhaft, Bertram Edises and Terry A. Francois. No local judge would try the case; one was brought in from out of town. The jury (again 11 white, one Negro) failed to agree, stood 7 to 5 for acquittal.

THE PEOPLE WIN: This year Jerry Newson went on trial for his life for the third time. Again an outside judge had to be brought in. Again community interest ran as high as ever: more than $400 was collected in three weeks in coin collection cans placed in stores, churches, union halls. And again the jury disagreed.

District Atty. J. Frank Coakley showed every sign of pressing for a fourth trial. But the CRC, directed by Decca (Mrs. Robert) Treuhaft and others in the defense movement, were seasoned warriors by now. (They include Mrs. Callie Frost, 70-year-old leading member of Mt. Zion Baptist Church, who attended almost every session of every trial; Mrs. Della Byrd, Negro churchwoman; Mrs. Juanita Nero of Berkeley; Mrs. Retha Gambaro, civil rights leader in Richmond; Dr. Legrand Coleman, prominent Negro physician.) Their activities, combined with thousands of others, brought the DA into court last week to move for dismissal of the murder charge against Newson.



ANOTHER FIGHT? As Newson stepped from the shadow of California's gas chamber, another Negro was being pushed into it. Further south in Laguna Beach Pvt. Don Martin was haled into court and charged with a brutal rape and kidnaping. Civil rights atty. Edward Mosk claimed unimpeachable proof that, when the attack occurred, Martin was watching a movie at Camp Ord—300 miles away.

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NEW LEFT UNITY: Analyzing the popular resistance in Belgium which compelled that government to break its NATO pledge of two years' military service (GUARDIAN, 8/21), left-wing observers in France saw new possibilities for a "Front Populaire" to undertake direct common action on limited political issues affecting all workers. Belgian feeling on the conscription issue had run so high, they noted, that the Socialist and Communist parties and large sections of the Catholic workers had joined hands in the Aug. 9 general strike (called by the Socialist-directed Fedn. of Belgian Workers) which forced the government to act. The strike was a plainly political one; yet Max Buset, leader of the Socialist Party which still supported the general NATO policy, had written in the party organ Aug. 8:

> The political strike is legal. It is necessary when we have to do with a government and a party which abuse their powers to the extent of violating popular will.

The French CP organ **Humanite**, quoting this, pointedly asked (8/11) whether the French Socialist leaders

> . . . who have not ceased to appeal for police repression of strikes far less political in character than this one, will condemn Max Buset as a "Moscow agent"?

GREECE—CRISIS & TERROR: Meanwhile in Greece (NYT, 8/20) the Plastiras-Venizelos coalition regime was

> . . . shaken by deep cuts in . . . dollar aid. . . . A high government official said a reduction of army expenses was necessary because of Greece's financial condition.

But the terror went on against militant trade unionists in Greece. Life imprisonment sentences on six union leaders including Tony Ambatielos, gen. secy. of the Greek Maritime Unions Fedn. who was elected to parliament while in jail, were confirmed by an Athens military court (13 others had their terms reduced). Appeals to Premier Plastiras for their acquittal from 56 British MP's, and from New York atty. (former Rollins College, Fla., prof.) Royal W. France who appeared personally in Athens in behalf of Fur, Longshoremen's, Marine Cooks and Mine-Mill unions in the U.S., were ignored.

Trybuna Wolnosci, Warsaw
"Hello, this is Washington. . . !"

Pentagon's "new strategy" —another blind alley?

JUST how far NATO had receded from the original blueprint was emphasized by CBS' Howard K. Smith in two broadcasts from London (8/3, 8/10). Despite "vigorous exception" taken by Defense Secy. Lovett and Gen. Omar Bradley to figures in his first broadcast, Smith repeated and documented that, from the "ridiculously extravagant figure [of] 406 divisions in arms" decided upon in 1949, Atlantic Pact leaders descended to the "realistic" estimate of 96 divisions at the Brussels conference in 1950; and then, at Lisbon last February, to the "rock bottom" figure of 50 divisions which now faces further reduction through events beyond Washington's control. Concerning the fate of the last projected figure, Smith quoted

- **The London Economist: "The Lisbon program is withering away."**
- **The Manchester Guardian: ". . . The summer has brought a drought of hopes and the momentum of last year for building defense has been lost."**
- **The London Times: "The almost visionary objectives then set for the increase in European armed strength will not be reached within the time specified."**

AN ILLUSION FADES: While Washington faced this "drought of hopes" concerning the possibilities for large W. European ground forces, the increasingly obvious fallacy of "victory through air power" was reflected in a "big change of strategy" (**Business Week**, 8/16) in the Pentagon. The no-

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AT NEW YORK'S BIGGEST PEACE RALLY
A section of the crowd of 18,000 New Yorkers who demonstrated against war last week in Randall's Island stadium (see story, p. 4).

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tion that A-bombs dropped on the U.S.S.R. would bring that country's collapse was long ago exposed by British physicist P.M.S. Blackett (**Fear, War & the Bomb**), by U.S. admirals in Oct., 1949, Congressional hearings, and by the late Max Werner who wrote in the GUARDIAN (5/30/49):

Since air-atomic strategy is irrational it leads military policy into a blind alley.

Werner saw its failure in Korea from the outset; but it has taken two more years for the "painless" victory-

Rundschau, Frankfurt, Germany
OLYMPICS, 1952
The pound lift

through-air-power enthusiasts (Air Force Chief of Staff Gen. Vandenberg, Gen. Curtis Le May) to be replaced as key Pentagon strategists by Acting Chief of Staff Gen. Nathan Twining and his deputy Lt. Gen. Lawrence Kuter, advocates of coordinated air-land-naval warfare. Economic factors (the fantastic cost and test failures of super-heavy bombers) and political factors (defeat of the Taft-Hoover group at the GOP convention) have played a part in the switch.

BANKRUPTCY PLUS: In an analysis of the "big change in strategy" for the GUARDIAN, an economist familiar with Pentagon procurement problems made these points:

- **The "victory throught airpower" theory was not pulled out of a hat. It was needed to sell war to Americans who wanted peace; to fight "magically" nine-tenths of the world. But the necessities which sired it have been intensified.**
- **The switch comes just when the NATO countries' inability to supply necessary ground forces has become plain to the world.**
- **It is accompanied (see Hanson Baldwin's major article in NYT, 8/17) by stiffening of the policy of indefinite, extending occupation of large European and Asian areas by U.S. troops, and by the report that "Draft must be increased—fathers or students next?" (U.S. News, 8/22). Yet there cannot be enough U.S. troops to fight in all the places against which Washington policy is directed.**
- **It is also accompanied by a new stage in anti-Soviet war incitement, with leading politicians passing from talk of "containment" to talk of "liberation" of socialist peoples.**
- **It is also accompanied by intensified bombardment of Korean cities, by Gen. Twining's justification of napalm bombing, by the leveling of U.S. towns for a new A-bomb center.**
- **The "big change" is therefore not a triumph of logic, but a new, deeper stage in the bankruptcy of U.S. politico-military strategy.**

TRADE CURTAIN RECEDES: On the front of world trade, sheer economic necessity was showing its force in many areas against the Washington attempt to blockade the socialist world. **AP** reported (8/14, 8/20) that Britain and her colonies sold 82,000 tons of rubber to the U.S.S.R. and China in the first half of 1952; France—as part of an $11 million Moscow Economic Conference contract—signed a $2,800,000 barter deal with China. Denmark, which recently "over U.S. protests" built and delivered an oil tanker to the Soviets, was to start work on another for the same customer (**NYT**, 8/6), and one London report said a total of 60 ships were being or to be built for the U.S.S.R. in Danish, Swedish and Dutch shipyards. W. Germany signed a $23 million pact with Bulgaria to exchange machinery and chemicals for Bulgarian farm products (**WSJ**, 8/7). Greece (**Reuters**, 8/3) was

. . . seriously contemplating the possibility of restoring trade relations with Russia and other Soviet-controlled countries.

THE COST TO U.S.: By almost 3 to 1 a resolution was passed at the Confedn. of Shipbuilding & Engineering Unions conference in Britain, calling on the government to resist U.S. pressure and demanding expansion of East-West trade. And in Washington itself, the U.S. Council of the Intl. Chamber of Commerce "questioned the wisdom of this country's refusal to trade with" socialist countries or to let its allies do so. Westrex Corp. vice-pres. Eugene S. Gregg, chairman of the Council's Comm. on Trade Barriers (**NYT**, 8/22), told newsmen that

. . . "emotional" reactions toward trade with the Soviet nations were costing this country millions of dollars in grants-in-aid to Western European nations whose economies had been upset by our refusal to let them trade with Iron Curtain nations.

In a reply to British protests against "mistreatment" of British concerns in China, Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs Chang Han-fu insisted China was willing to trade with all countries on terms of "equality and mutual benefit" (**People's China**, 8/1). The firms' "predicament," he said, resulted from Britain's following the U.S. policy of trade control and embargo. He invited British firms to establish contact with

. . . private and state trade organizations in China . . . and conduct specific business negotiations with them . . . provided they do not harbor monopoly designs [and] abide by laws of the Chinese government.

The pen might go off

U.S. exporters are complaining to the Office of Intl. Trade of bans on export to Hong Kong, for possible resale to China, of

. . . such apparently harmless items as pen and pencil sets, tee shirts, watch bands, candies, and household cleaning supplies.

Exporters argue that these goods have no strategic value. The government answers (**Foreign Commerce Weekly**, 8/11):

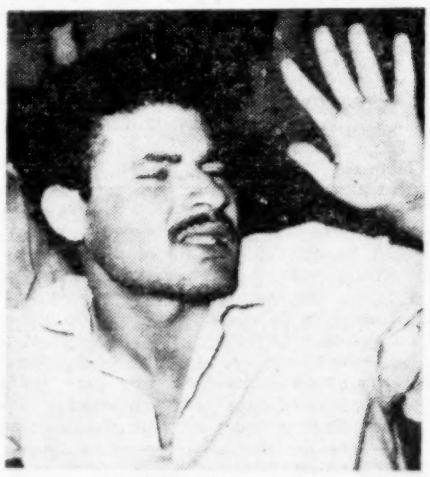
. . . Although such commodities have no direct military significance, they can be used as incentive items to reward sympathizers for deeds of valor and other exploits beneficial to the Communist cause.

Asia: India still won't play war games

IN the Pacific, Australia invited the U.S. to use the giant naval and air base on Manus Island off New Guinea as part of Secy. Acheson's lily-white ANZUS "defense pact"; the U.S. decided to hand over to Japan 68 warships for five years, and U.S. procurement orders in Japan jumped to nearly $95 million last month. Meanwhile Japanese papers let loose violent attacks on all foreigners including Americans. In recent polls half the Japanese voters, "most of them . . . not Communist" (**N.Y. Herald Tribune**, 8/10), voted against rearmament.

Eisenhower, according to **Newsweek** (8/25), felt that Japan, Formosa, the Philippines, Indonesia and India "should be encouraged" to form a NATO-type organization. But Indian Ambassador B.R. Sen in a **CBS** interview (8/17) said India feared no aggressor and would not attend any Pacific conference without China's participation. Previously, Sen had charged (**NYT**, 7/29) that the mounting U.S. arms program

". . . can lead only [to a war of] utter destruction of the human civilization that has grown through the centuries."



MUSTAFA KHAMIS
"Strong man's" human sacrifice

EGYPT WORKERS STIRRING: Undaunted by NATO's and ANZUS' problems, the State Dept. was reported considering MEDO—the British plan for a Middle East Defense Organization based on Cyprus in the Mediterranean, to consist of Britain, France, the U.S., Turkey, Australia, New Zealand and South Africa. Ned Russell (**NYHT**, 8/21) reported that prospects for getting into MEDO both Israel and Egypt, which are still formally in a state of war, looked brighter since Egypt's Gen. Naguib had "hinted to important Western diplomats" that he might be willing to join after he has "dealt with his local problems," and that Israel's "conciliatory gestures toward Egypt" might produce an Arab-Israeli peace.

Cracking down hard on strikers at the Kafr El Dawar cotton mills two weeks ago, Naguib's "strong man" regime sentenced to death 24-year-old Mustafa Khamis for his part in the demonstration. Trade unions seemed to be gaining strength in Egypt after years of suppression; first organized by tobacco workers in 1903, they were believed completely crushed, with their most militant members jailed, when Egypt launched war against Israel in 1948. In 1950 the movement took on new life as the workers' conditions became unbearable: a committee was set up to organize a union federation representing workers in textile factories, docks, the Suez Canal Company and some branches of the civil service.

At the weekend in Cairo, when Egypt's largest party, the Wafd, celebrated the 25th anniversary of the death of its founder, "trucks and jeeps roared through the main squares" with "infantry carriers with guns manned",

. . . a show of force intended to prevent disorders. Loudspeakers broadcast warnings that the army would tolerate no trouble (Reuters, 8/23).

Elizabeth Gurley Flynn: 50 Y

As a special Labor Day tribute to all the heroes of American labor, past and present, we publish below a digest of an article by Richard O. Boyer in the May, 1952, Masses & Mainstream.

Elizabeth, I have a tin cup of water in my cell which I hold to toast to you. Yes, comrade, good health and long life to you and long life to the brave struggle for the triumph of liberty.

THAT was the last letter Elizabeth Gurley Flynn received from Bartolomeo Vanzetti a few days before he, and his friend Nicola Sacco, were executed in Boston jail on Aug. 22, 1927—25 years ago.

She had broken the case; organized the defense of the two framed-up Italian workingmen; helped raise thousands of dollars to fight legal and public appeals. She was the driving spark in the world-wide protest movement that grew out of her fiery and eloquent words—for seven long years.

It was a valiant defense fight, and when it was over—when the bodies of Sacco and Vanzetti were carried through the streets of Boston to the grave—Elizabeth Gurley Flynn collapsed. It took her ten years to recover.

Her heart was permanently impaired, the doctors said; she would never be able to return to active life. They gave her a year to live.

HAD TO GO ON: But the times would not let her stay in bed. Hitler would not let her rest. The fighting la[illegible] movement called to her. The threat fascist war thrust her back into action.

That was 1936; and then she joined the Communist Party and became one of its leading members—and hit a new high of activity as a speaker and organizer in coal fields and steel mills.

During the organizing drive in steel and coal in 1937, local after local demanded she appear before them because her name and life were legend, a synonym for devotion to the American labor movement.

EARLY BATTLES: The legend began when she was a girl of 12 in P.S. 9, The Bronx. She won a debate on the

FORTY YEARS AGO
Elizabeth Gurley Flynn with miners' leader "Big Bill" Haywood (l., 1st row) and Eugene Debs, (r., 2nd row).

PEACE

18,000 New Yorkers rally for peace

NEW York City's huge Triborough Stadium on Randall's Island was built primarily for sports events. Last week it served another purpose: 18,000 enthusiastic people crowded its stands for a Peace Under the Stars rally organized by the N.Y. Peace Institute—New York's biggest peace rally since the Korean War. The big turnout defied threats of a "new Peekskill" made openly by two anti-communist and three veterans' groups in an unsuccessful effort to revoke the permit for the meeting. There was no violence; not even a lone picket appeared.

Speakers included Rev. Edward D. McGowan, Rev. Jack R. McMichael, Rev. Reginald H. Bass (all officers of the Peace Institute); Mrs. Rose Russell (legislative rep. of the Teachers Union), Rabbi Dr. Samuel Buchler (former deputy atty. gen. of New York State), Eslanda Goode Robeson, Mrs. Octavia Hawkins (officer of a Chicago UAW local), Charles R. Allen Jr. (formerly an editor of **The Nation**), and Dr. Jerome Davis, author of **Peace, War and You.** Paul Robeson and Earl Robinson sang; actors Morris Carnovsky and Howard da Silva presented "A Minority

0 Years a fighter for labor

proposition that the public should own the coal mines—a proposition she had heard from her stone-cutter father at home, or when the Flynn family tramped to and from Socialist meetings in Harlem.

And when she was 16 she was arrested for the first time—for blocking traffic at 38th St. and Broadway wh[illegible] she was urging a large crowd to ado[illegible] socialism. David Belasco, the Broadway theatrical producer, who saw her picture in the papers after she was arrested, was so impressed with her beauty that he offered her a role in one of his plays. "I want to speak my own lines, not someone's else," she told Belasco.

Speak her own lines she did, from then on. First she took up the defense of Big Bill Haywood, who with Moyer had been framed by the Morgan copper trust to break the newly-formed Western Fedn. of Miners. The chief prosecution witness against Haywood and Moyer was James McParland, the Louis Budenz of that time, who had framed the 20 Irish coal miners hanged in Pennsylvania in 1876. Her nationwide defense tour boomed support for the two hard-rock mine leaders and was a major factor in their acquittal.

TO SAVE JOE HILL: From there she joined the lumber workers of the Northwest for the great free-speech fight between 1908 and 1910, when she was arrested—and acquitted—for exercising her rights under the First Amendment. Then back to New York to lead the unemployed demonstrations, strikes of hotel and shoe workers, and up to Lawrence, Lowell and New Bedford, Mass., to join in the now historic textile strike. A short time later she came to Paterson, N. J., to lead the strike of silk workers; two years later to the Mesabi, Minn., iron ore range to join in that struggle for unionism.

W[illegible]ever she went, she never forgot that "labor must free its own." She fought to save the life of Joe Hill, the IWW poet executed by the Rockefeller-Morgan trust in 1915. She jumped right into the battle to save Tom Mooney and Warren Billings. She was among the first to defend Eugene Debs and hundreds of others jailed for speaking up for peace in 1917—and she was in front in the great and successful protest drive for amnesty for Debs.

A FLAME IN ACTION: In 50 years of fighting up and down the land for labor's leaders and labor's rights, she spoke to hundreds of thousands of people, moving them into action—to build labor unions, free Mooney and Debs and Eugene Dennis, defend the Bill of Rights, work for peace to defeat fascism, contribute to the defense of Free Spain.

Describing the Lawrence textile strike (when she was 21), Mary Heaton Vorse wrote:

> When Elizabeth Gurley Flynn spoke the excitement of the strikers became a visible thing. She stood up there, young, with her Irish blue eyes, her face magnolia white, and her cloud of black hair, the very picture of a youthful revolutionary girl leader. She stirred them, lifted them up in her appeal for solidarity. . . . It was as though a spurt of flame had gone through the audience, something stirring and powerful, a feeling which has made the liberation of people possible.

Today at 62, her words still spurt flame. She spoke for world peace at a meeting in New York's Riverside Plaza Hotel in August, 1948. Millions of other Americans were speaking up for peace. But this was Elizabeth Gurley Flynn, a leader of the Communist Party. For this one speech in 1948, she was indicted under the Smith Act in 1951, in the second year of the Korean War, and stands trial today in New York's federal courthouse.

"WE ASK YOU TO LISTEN": So she tackled the job of defending herself and her 14 co-defendants as she had defended Haywood, Moyer, Debs, Sacco and Vanzetti, Joe Hill, Eugene Dennis, John Gates, Henry Winston. She became her own lawyer in the courtroom. And she spoke to the jury the same way she spoke to hundreds of thousands of Americans in her travels around the country:

> "Our ideas may be new and strange to you. Probably you have never seen or met a Communist before. We do not ask you to agree with us, but to listen with an open mind—and not to accept as gospel truth the sensational tales of stoolpigeons and planted agents who will be the government's chief, if not sole witnesses."

ELIZABETH GURLEY FLYNN
Still going strong

Standing beside Pettis Perry, secy. of the CP's Negro Commission, who with her heads the party since the jailing of its 11 top leaders, she said:

> "We are both Communist leaders, proudly and avowedly. We are qualified to explain to you what the Communist Party of the U. S. A. really stands for, what it advocates, what its day-by-day activities are, and what are its ultimate aims. We will prove to you that we are not a criminal conspiracy, but a 33-year-old working class political party, devoted to the immediate needs and aspirations of the American people, to the advancement of the workers, farmers and the Negro people, to the preservation of democracy and culture, and to the advocacy of socialism."

THE WATER AND THE TREE: As the government's case against her and her 14 co-defendants went into its sixth month, Elizabeth Gurley Flynn celebrates her 62d birthday on Sept. 7 and her 50th year as a fighter for labor. She was still going strong, speaking at birthday parties and meetings arranged for her by the Citizens Emergency Defense Conference,* collecting money for her own defense as she did for hundreds of others before.

Her heart is beating firmly; she stands like a tree strengthened by the clear water in the tin cup of Vanzetti and the working people.

* Room 604, 401 Broadway, N. Y. C. 13.

Report," a sketch based on U.S. historical figures; actress Karen Morley read a satirical anti-war poem by Mark Twain; jazz pianist Mary Lou Williams played.

The audience unanimously adopted two resolutions, one calling upon President Truman to sign an armistice in Korea at once, the other urging him to use his good offices to halt racial persecution in South Africa.

QUAKERS' WORLD APPEAL: Another call for peace came from Oxford, England, where 900 delegates representing 180,000 Quakers throughout the world concluded their nine-day World Conference by unanimously adopting an appeal for an immediate halt to hostilities in Korea. The appeal—cabled to government leaders in Britain, the U.S., Soviet Union, China, India, North and South Korea, and to the Secy. Gen. of UN and the chief negotiators at Panmunjom—said:

> The continuing tragedy of the war in Korea has rested heavily upon us. It is our earnest hope that all those in positions of political authority will make renewed and constructive efforts to achieve peace. In particular, we hope that the willingness of the government of India to use their good offices in the cause of peace may be followed up actively.

The conference also unanimously adopted an appeal addressed to "people everywhere":

> War leads to a vicious circle of hatred, oppression, subversive movements, false propaganda, rearmament, and new wars. An armaments race cannot bring peace, freedom or security.
>
> We call upon peoples everywhere to break this vicious circle, to behave as nations with the same decency as they would behave as men and brothers, to substitute the institutions of peace for the institutions of war.
>
> Let us join together throughout the world to grow more food, to heal and prevent disease, to conserve and develop the resources of the good earth to the glory of God and the comfort of man's distress.

Gabriel in Daily Worker, London
"Say, which country did these Quakers come from originally."

Pentagon 'concerned' by napalm outcry

LATE in World War II the U. S. Army's Chemical Corps came up with its deadliest incendiary weapon—napalm (jellied gasoline). In the last days of the war, B-29's dropped about 3,400,000 pounds of it on Japan.

Since the war in Korea began, the U.S. has shipped 17,000,000 pounds to its forces there—five times as much as was used in all World War II. By last week much of the world was aghast at the horrors of the destruction caused by napalm. In Paris, Ecole Normale Superieure students protested use of the school's laboratories for research in its manufacture. Last April Britain's Archbishop of York urged its ban:

> "It is a weapon which inflicts terrible and indiscriminate loss and suffering. It burns up all life and buildings over a wide area and there is little possibility of escape for man or animal. Christians should demand outlawing of the use of weapons so horrible and destructive to all who come within their range, whether soldier, civilian, man, woman or child."

"MILITARY TARGETS": Last week the Pentagon was worried enough to attempt a reply to world criticism. Austin Stevens of the N. Y. **Times** reported from Washington:

> Defense authorities here are concerned over the campaign because it is more difficult to refute than were the germ and gas warfare allegations. . . . In the case of napalm, which is used extensively and effectively in Korea, defense authorities can insist only that the weapon is used solely for military targets.

But in February, 1951, the **Times'** own correspondent in Korea wrote:

> A napalm raid hit the village three or four days ago when the Chinese were holding up the advance, and nowhere in the village have they buried the dead bodies because there is nobody left to do so. . . . The inhabitants throughout the village and in the fields were caught and killed and kept the exact posture they had held when the napalm struck—a man about to get on his bicycle, 50 boys and girls playing in an orphanage, a housewife, strangely unmarked, holding in her hand a page torn from a Sears-Roebuck catalogue.

The **Times'** Stevens continued from Washington:

> That napalm burns a body horribly no one denies, but tests undertaken by the Chemical Corps show that death by flamethrower and other fire weapons is frequently swift.

"DON'T BE TIRESOME": Gen. Nathan F. Twining, acting Chief of Staff of the U. S. Air Force, denied use of napalm against civilians, but blamed the Chinese for setting up military installations in civilian areas:

> "No doubt he counts upon our sensibilities to spare him damage."

Defense Secy. Robert A. Lovett also called a press conference, said criticism of napalm bombings would not deter the U.S. from continuing them:

> "Fire is a weapon like a bullet, a bomb or a shell. . . . I cannot take these complaints as anything more than a tiresome form of propaganda."

PROGRESSIVE PARTY

Hallinan speaks

LAST Sunday Vincent Hallinan, Progressive Party candidate for President, made his first public address since his release from prison, appearing with PP Vice-Presidential nominee Mrs. Charlotta Bass at San Francisco's Civic Auditorium. It was a welcome home and a send-off; he left next day for Los Angeles where he, Mrs. Bass and Paul Robeson were to speak at Culver City Stadium.

Hallinan called on Americans of all parties to end the Korean War at once. He predicted to a crowd of 5,000 that

> ". . . any substantial number of votes for the Progressive Party in November will force an end of the war. . . . a ruinous venture, a gangrene eating at the nation's vitals. . . . The more votes we receive, the faster and surer will that purpose be attained."

Urging a national postcard campaign for President Truman for an end to the war without any more killing, Hallinan said the other two great issues before America are "emancipation of the Negro people from political, economic and social degradation" and "preservation and improvement of living standards."

Dems. seek to keep PP off Illinois ballot

PROGRESSIVES in Illinois fought their way closer to the ballot, overcoming some of the toughest electoral hurdles in the nation. The law requires a statewide minimum of 25,000 signatures on nominating petitions, with 200 from each county. Last week PP officials sent to the electoral board at Springfield petitions carrying 41,600 signatures, meeting all other requirements.

Political machinations on the electoral board, which kept the PP off the ballot in 1948, were still to be feared. State director James H. Wishart said:

> "We have established fully the basis for the certification of our party on the Illinois ballot in November. The question now is the willingness of the two old parties to allow a free election in Illinois."

There was no such willingness. Two formal objections to a ballot place were filed on Saturday; one included the Socialist Labor and Prohibition parties also, the other, brought by individuals representing the Democratic Party, was directed against the PP alone. Hearings are scheduled before five senior State Supreme Court justices.

BLACKOUT PIERCED: The PP was to take its campaign to the country as whole with a half-hour TV-radio broadcast of acceptance speeches by Vincent Hallinan and Mrs. Bass, Sept. 6, 1:30-2:00 EDST over most CBC and NBC radio and TV stations. Midwesterners will have a second chance to hear the program on a WMAQ, Chicago, rebroadcast 6:30-7:00 CDST, the same day.

The blackout was pierced by PP's campaign against unwilling broadcast executives, its invoking of Federal Communications Comm. rules. The industry's trade organ, **Broadcasting,** in an editorial this month called the PP's repeated requests for time "thuggery."

Though the curtain would be lifted for a half-hour Sept. 6, fair play for the PP seemed a long way off. The party last week filed charges against CBS and Dumont TV in connection with the weekly program "Pick the Winner," billed as a "non-partisan, get-out-the-vote program." PP charges that the program, sponsored by Westinghouse, violates FCC regulations which forbid programs permitting any candidate to broadcast to the exclusion of others. PP has no time on the 13-week series.

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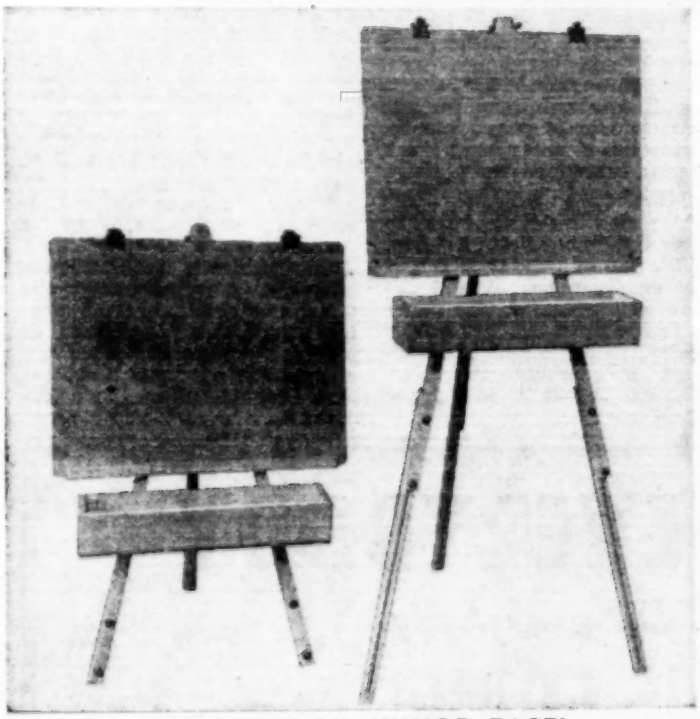

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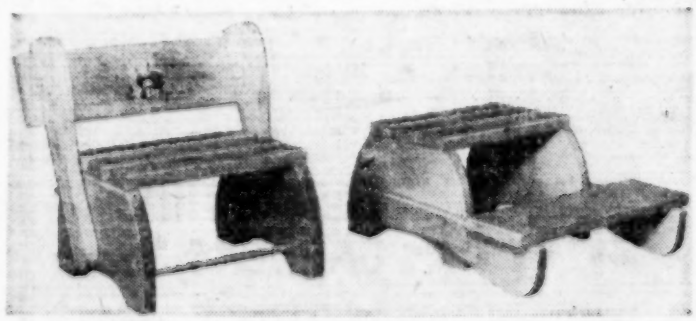

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THE PRESS The gang-up on the 'China Daily News'

By James Aronson

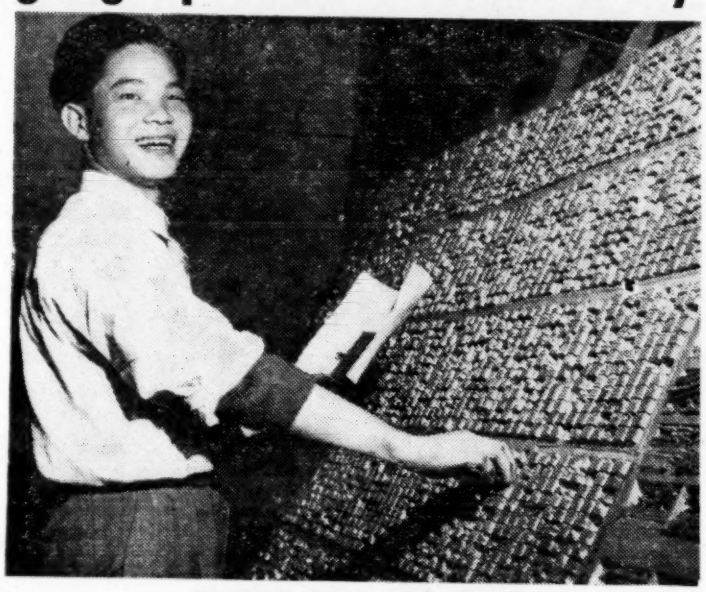
THE N.Y. Times last April 29 carried a p. 1 story with all the scenario effects of a Charlie Chan melodrama — crashing gongs, sinister laughter, cries of terror suddenly stilled. A federal grand jury had indicted Eugene Moy, editor of the New York Chinese-language **China Daily News**, as part of an

> . . . international racket involving murder, extortion and torture in which American Chinese have been mulcted of millions of dollars for Red China.

A 53-count indictment had been returned against Moy and former managing editor Albert Wong. On each count they faced 10 years and the newspaper could be fined $10,000. U.S. Atty. Myles J. Lane, who fit into the scenario as a former all-American halfback from Dartmouth, had lurid words for the indicted men. He said it was the first "affirmative action" in the nation to stop this "nefarious racket." urged all American Chinese to turn informers with the protection of the U.S. government.

COLD FACTS: But there was a flaw in the drama which made it as synthetic as the Hollywood product. A careful reading of the **Times** story revealed —as did a more careful reading of the indictments themselves — that the men were charged simply with violation of the Foreign Assets Control Regulations under the Trading With The Enemy Act; that the specific charge was that the newspaper had printed advertisements from three banks— two in the British Crown Colonly of Hong Kong and one in China; that it had thereby induced Chinese Americans to violate a regulation of Dec. 17, 1950, making it illegal to send to China or Korea any money not licensed by the Treasury Dept. (The advertisements were withdrawn in Sept., 1951.)

Nowhere in the indictments were the words racket, murder, extortion, torture.



SETTING TYPE FOR PEACE
The composing room of the China Daily News

A PEOPLE'S PAPER: The **China Daily News** was founded in 1940 with funds provided by laundry men, restaurant workers and shopkeepers who were fed up with the venal character of the other U.S. Chinese-language papers—uniformly kowtowing to Chiang Kai-shek and his circle. It advocated firm resistance to Japanese aggression. Surviving internal financial crises (at times the staff took salaries of $10 a week) and external political pressures, it became the most popular newspaper among overseas Chinese — in the U.S., South America and Europe. During World War II it gave wholehearted support to the war effort while the pro-Chiang papers sniped at the U.S. for not sending him more arms and money.

Maintaining its position after the war, it was enthusiastically hated by the growing band of Chinese fleeing to the U.S. with their U.S. dollar hoards. In collaboration with the wealthy Chinese merchants and the tongs, this group launched a vicious attack against the paper, encouraged violence against newsdealers who carried it, intimidated advertisers, scared newboys off the streets.

Chinatown's population were cajoled and threatened until they were afraid to express openly any sympathy for the new Chinese People's Republic. Today not a single news stand carries the **China Daily News.**

ENTER THE GOVT.: The paper was seriously hurt by these tactics but held on. Then, in the fall of 1951, U.S. Treasury agents appeared and demanded its records. The paper at first cooperated, but finally refused to do so when harassment became unbearable. A subpena followed; the paper complied.

In March, 1952, a federal grand jury summoned Moy to testify about an alleged violation of the Trading With The Enemy Act. The pro-Chiang press immediately tried Moy, found him guilty long before the jury even handed down the indictments on April 28. With it came Lane's purple passages.

Actually the first eight counts allege receipts and transfers of credits by the **China Daily News** of less than $600; there was no indication of intent to illegal action. The second part of the indictment charges that individual Chinese sent money to relatives in China for them to live on—a common practice for at least a century. There was no evidence that such remittances had anything to do with the **China Daily News.**

"EXTORTION" SCARE: Some U.S. newspapers (notably the San Francisco **Chronicle**) and the Treasury Dept. have sought to blow this practice up into a scandal. In scores of stories Chinese in China have been reported as imploring relatives in the U.S. and elsewhere to send them money to bribe officials so they might elude jail or death. Shanghai's **China Monthly Review**, published by American John W. Powell Jr., has revealed that most of the "extortion" letters have emanated from Hong Kong. They appear to be the work of a gang there allied with pro-Chiang groups in the U.S. who have been supplying the names of wealthy Chinese. Most requests are by cable (cost: $10 U.S.A., $56.50 Hong Kong).

There **are** cases where Chinese in China have asked for financial help to pay fines. These generally are landlords or industrialists who under the Chiang regime had been charging exorbitant land rents or paying starvation salaries, and who in the course of the People's Republic have been ordered to reimburse the victims.

CRIME—URGING PEACE: As of today the **China Daily News** is still publishing and Moy is fighting back. After the indictment he said:

> "This climaxes a relentless drive by the combined forces of the Kuomintang clique, the China Lobby and certain forces in our government to destroy the China Daily News, the only Chinese newspaper in the U.S. which has consistently supported peaceful solutions to all outstanding problems in the Far East.
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> "The American people must realize that there is involved in this case a most serious threat to freedom of the press. If not successfully challenged it will be used as a precedent to shut down any paper with whose editorial policy the government disagrees. We shall continue to publish and we shall fight against this unjustified prosecution until we are vindicated."

The date for pre-trial motions is Oct. 14. Defending the **China Daily News** are two outstanding civil liberties lawyers: Paul L. Ross, American Labor Party candidate for Mayor of New York in 1950; and Martin Popper, former exec.-secy. of the Lawyers Guild. Ross said the defense would attack the constitutionality of the act as it applies to the Moy case; point out that the grand jury excludes citizens of Chinese origin (none has ever served); ask a change of trial place because the U.S. Atty. and Treasury Dept. have prejudiced the case by inflammatory statements.

Unsolicited contributions have come into the **China Daily News** for the defense, but the paper has been so hard hit by the gang-up against it that more are needed. Address: Committee to Support the China Daily News, 105 Mott St., N. Y. C. 13.

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